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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

William N. Partlo, et al.

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Title: LINE NARROWED LASER WITH  
BIDIRECTION BEAM EXPANSION

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Jose R. Diaz  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 4 as follows:

B' Preferred embodiments of the present invention can be described by reference to the drawings. In this description and in the claims the term "horizontal" shall have the normal dictionary meaning (i.e., parallel to the horizon). Horizon means the "apparent junction of earth and sky". The term "vertical" shall also have the ordinary dictionary meaning of "perpendicular to the plane of the horizon".